

# School Age Child Care Parent Advisory Council

Thursday, December 7, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Eagle View Elementary School

4500 Dixie Hill Road

Fairfax, VA 2230

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Suzanne Garrison, PAC Chairperson, welcomed new and returning PAC members. She briefly discussed the duties and responsibilities of a PAC Representative, and emphasized the importance of ongoing communication between SACC staff and families.

## OFFICE FOR CHILDREN & SACC UPDATES

- **Fairfax County Equitable School Readiness Strategic Plan**  
Anne-Marie Twohie, Director of the Office for Children, presented the County's Equitable School Readiness Strategic Plan. The school readiness vision of the County is for *ALL children to enter kindergarten at the optimal developmental level with equitable opportunities for success*. The plan includes 5 strategies to make sure these opportunities are obtainable.
  1. Establish meaningful partnerships with families to grow school readiness opportunities in all communities and support children's optimal development in all settings.
  2. Provide equitable offerings of high quality early development and learning experiences that support school readiness throughout the County.
  3. Foster quality and effective professional learning in all early childhood programs and services.
  4. Promote equity focused planning and decision making, as well as shared accountability through the use of data.
  5. Nurture a whole community commitment of school success for all children.

The plan is designed to help overcome implicit bias and promote equity in every aspect of work done with young children and their families. A copy of the Strategic Plan is available on Fairfax County's new, updated website. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/office-for-children/>

- **2017-2018 SACC SCHOOL YEAR CURRICULUM: Heroes, Trendsetters & Icons!**  
Jason Northrop, Regional Supervisor (SACC), presented this school year's curriculum. This year's theme, Heroes, Trendsetters and Icons, will provide the children with opportunities to learn about people who care, take a stand, and make a difference. Sharing information and stories about heroes, icons, and trendsetters, and exploring their own aspirations will help the children to envision the possibilities they can achieve! The curriculum is used as a framework to create fun, new experiences for all children enrolled in SACC, K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **WINTER PROGRAM: Call of the Wild – Animal Heroes**

Chris Galindo, Regional Supervisor (SACC), presented the theme for this year's SACC Winter Program. The goal of the Winter Program was to get the children thinking about how heroes, trendsetters and icons can be animals as well. The focus was to show children that animals can be sources of love and companionship and that they too are integral parts of our society. Animals help the environment and humans, as well as represent noble traits and characteristics.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

#### Flag Football (November 2017)

LaTisha Robinson, Regional Supervisor (SACC), shared information about the SACC Flag Football Competition held in November. The Flag Football League is for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders. 86 SACC centers participated in the event leading to over 1,200 children participating. It was an event spread throughout the County and held at the schools. The games were played tournament style, with each team playing 3 games throughout the day. Besides the actual game, the children had to practice and be committed to this event. The cheerleaders had to practice their routines and prepare for the event as well.

#### Kids on Stage (March 3 and March 17, 2018)

Patricia Cantu, Regional Supervisor (SACC), discussed this year's Kids on Stage performances which will celebrate legends of the music and dance industry with a focus on *Music Icons, Dance Trends and Video Heroes*. 30 SACC centers will participate this year. On **March 3, 2018** SACC will host two performances at South County High School, at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. On **March 17, 2018** SACC will host 3 shows at Centreville High School, at 8:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

*\*The performances on March 3 were cancelled due to the wind storm and FCPS school closure. Unfortunately we are unable to reschedule due to space limitations.*

#### Track and Field (May 7, 2018)

K – 2th grade children will have the opportunity to participate in the SACC Track and Field Event. Each center participating will receive a banner to decorate and the children will participate in 50 yard dashes, 100 yard dashes, kid-friendly Javelin throws and 4x1 relay races. Last year 47 centers participated and the event was held at Robert E. Lee HS. More details to come.

#### Boat Regatta

Information will be made available about SACC's participation in this event or an alternate event as soon as plans are finalized.

### **SACC CENTER CONNECTIONS & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Every year, SACC staff, children and their families are making a difference through community service. Examples included: Mount Vernon Woods SACC collected toiletries for Hurricane Marie victims. Hayfield Secondary SACC and Laurel Hill SACC participated in a project called Kindness Rocks that promotes positive messages throughout the county. Kings Glen SACC created "Superhero Kits" and distributed them to hospitals. Shrevewood SACC developed community connections with local veterans. Vienna SACC crocheted hats and donated them to Children's Hospitals and senior centers and London Towne SACC participated in Project Linus which involved making blankets for children and families experiencing homelessness, and others in need. The opportunities children have to engage in community service is one way of helping the next generation of leaders to have a connection to and awareness of the needs of others.

## **PARENT & STAFF CONVERSATIONS BY CLUSTER/AREA**